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USING A PELLET OR POWDER AS A VEHICLE TO DELIVER A PHYSICAL
FOAMING AGENT AND PRODUCTS FORMED THEREWITH

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- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference JP 10-212372.

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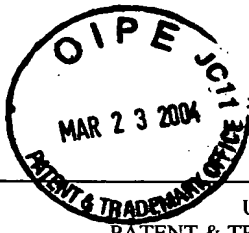
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